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THE WAR WITH SPAIN

Eventful Week in International History.

Preparing to Invade Cuba-Combat Hourly Expected Between Sampson's Fleet and the Spanish Squadron. Details of Dewey's Great Victory.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.

All of Admiral Sampson's big ships went to Key West, coaled to their fullest capacity, and then steamed away to an unknown destination.

It was said by some that the fleet was not going to Perto Rico, but to meet the Oregon and Marietta, in the expectation that the Spanish fleet may be encountered on the

way.

The prevailing belief, however, was that the fleet had gone to Porto Rico, either to destroy or to occupy the coal ng s ation as a naval base before the Spanish squadron arrives. Having taken Porto Rico, the United States vessels may then put to sea and try to engage the Cape Verde Islands A dispatch from Rio de Janeiro an

nounced that the Oregon, Marietta, and Nietheroy had sailed. The news from Spain continued to be more troublous. Riots were constantly breaking ou in various cities and sec-

tions. Many of these were due to the

scarcity and dearness of provisions. Lord Salisbury, the British Prime Minister, made a significant speech before the Primrose League, which has attracted attention all over the world and deeply angered the Spaniards. He spoke of the "living and dying countries of the world," and of how the former were gradually encroaching upon the latter. He sp ke also of the corruption of dying countries corruption so deep scated as to give the smallest hope of reform," and he referred to the partition of these countries as likely to lead nations into war. 'Dying countries, said Lord Salisbury, "are mostly un-Christian, but I regret to say, not exclusively so.

THURSDAY, MAY 5.

At a Cabinet council over which the Queen-Regent presided, the Premier, Senor Sagasta, explained the war situation, and announced the safe arrival at Porto Rico of the Spanish Trans-Atlantic Company's steamer Alfonso XIII., having on board, it is said, reinforcements of troops and a very valuable cargo, including ammunition and

The Premier also announced the opening of the Cuban Parliament, and the Queen-Regent signed the war resources

The Cabinet afterwards held another meeting and deliberated upon the financial situation and the measures taken and contemplated to preserve public order in the localities where disturbances have oc-

Senor Puigcerver, Minister of Finance, announced that the Official Gazette will shortly publish a decree to prohibit the exportation of corn, flour, rye, maize, potatoes, and fruits, and suppressing the duty on the importation of those articles, is intended to checkmate the speculators who, owing to the enormous premium on exchange, now 111 per cent., commenced immense exportations of produce, against which they negotiated bills in foreign markets. These exports have created the scarcity of food, which is largely responsible

for the rioting throughout Spain. A dispatch from Madrid via Paris, alleges that the Governments of Cuba and Porto Rico have cabled that there is "no need to fear a landing of American troops in those islands." It is said two ironclads, two cruisers, and three transports will leave Cadiz forthwith to chase the Yankees from the Philippines, and then bombard

Californian ports. The Paris correspondent of the London

"I hear on indisputable authority that five of the Spanish warships, including the battleship Pelayo and the fine cruiser Alfonso XIII., have not yet been supplied forbidden by the French Consul to land with ammunition. This was the cause of the delay in the sailing of the Cape Verde fleet, and will probably compel it to return | was decided that, without regard to the

A high officer of the Administration almost demolished the theory that Admiral ernment should be acceded to. Orders Sampson was going to succor the Oregon. now on her way from Brazil to join the May. When information was received of North Atlantic squadron. He declared the capture of the steamer and of her havthat the Navy Department was under no ing been brought to Key West, those orders apprehension about the Oregon, for the were communicated to the captors, with reason that it did not consider that the instructions to release the steamer, and Spanish Admiral of the Cape Verde squad- to see that the orders were duly delivered. ron would be willing to risk a combat with so that they might be carried into effect. the Oregon, even with the great odds in No demand was made either by or on behis favor, as even if overwhelmed in the half of the French Government, directly or end, the Oregon certainly would destroy indirectly, for the steamer's release. one of the Spanish ships, and perhaps two, and the Spanish Government could not afford to exchange pawns at this stage of

FRIDAY, MAY 7. THE SEIZURE OF THE LAFAYETTE.

The monotony of lack of important news for several days was broken by the sensational tidings of the capture of an important French steamer, which had made tervention. Count Goluchowski, the a determined effort to clude the blockade. Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, has The Lafayette, which hails from St. addressed a note to the Powers on the sub-Nazaire, France, is a fine vessel of the old type. She is over 344 feet long, has 44 land's pro-American attitude, certain Eurofeet beam, and is over 28 feet deep. She pean Powers would have openly sided with was built in 1864, at Greencek, of iron. Shortly before sundown she was dis- A telegram from Rome says that the covered heading for Halana, and was Pope has sent a telegram to the Queen boarded by an officer of the Annapolis and | Regent of Spain earnestly advising an imwarned not to enter the port. She after-ward made an attempt to do so, and was mediate appeal to the European Powers for mediate appeal to the European Powers for mediate appeal to the European Powers for mediate in the war with America. His captured, after an exciting chase. The holiness is said to have promised his sup-Wilmington, Newport, and Morrill took part | port and that of the Powers to obtain an

After an examination of the Lafayette's papers had been made, a prize crew from fayette, 78 were for Habana, nearly all bethe Annapol's was placed on board and ing young Spanierds, who say they were she was sent to Key West, escorted by going to Cuba to engage in mercantile purthe Wilmington. On the question of contraband of war

in the capture of the Frenchman.

the officers of the Wilmington were reti- merely shrugged their shoulders and vouchcent, but it seemed hardly possible that | safed no further explanation, the steamer could leave Spain with so many male passengers on beard and not have contraband of war in her cargo. It is reported that the Lafayette in addition to being a large French mail steamer,

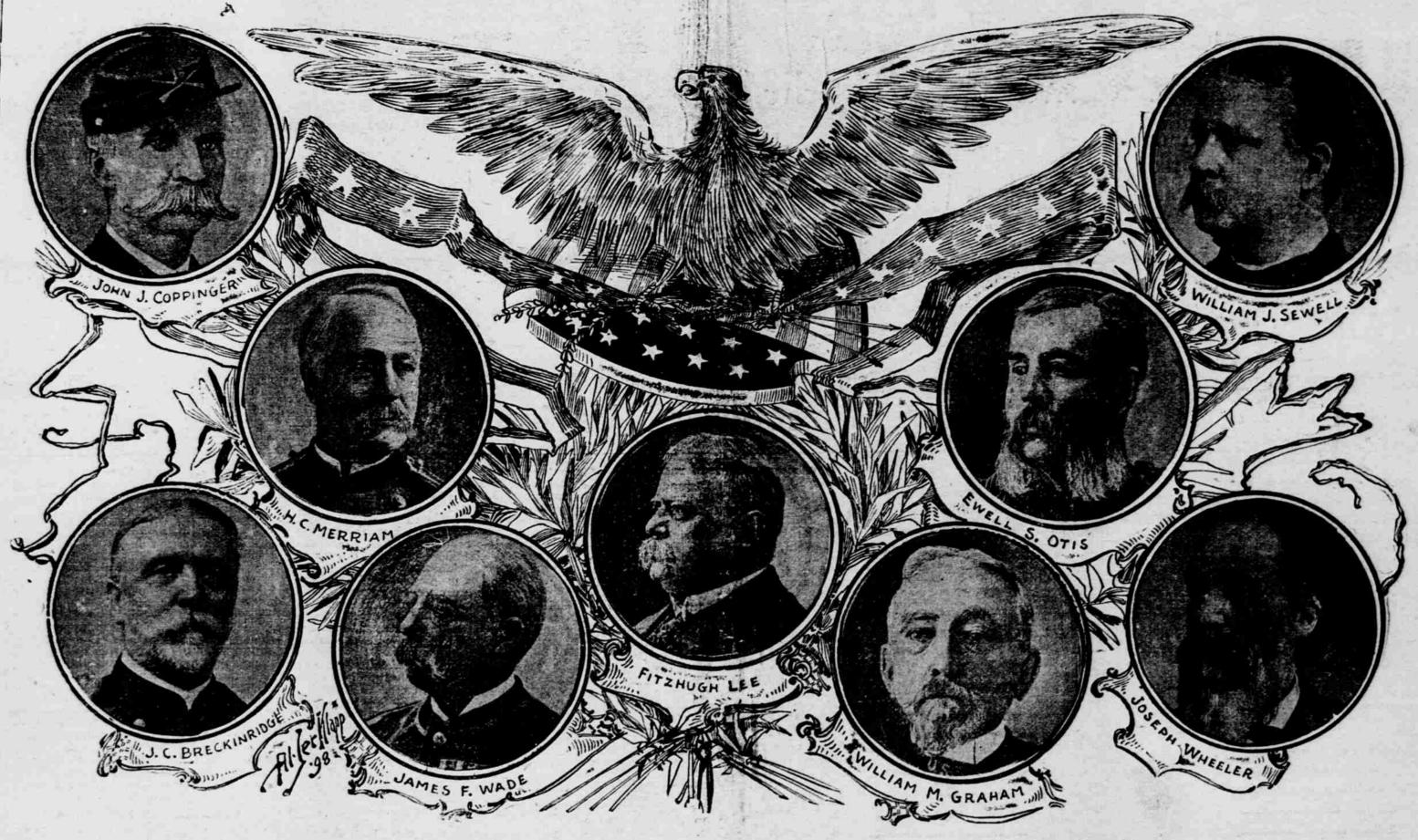
Blanco's atmistice just before the war beis a French naval reserve vessel, mountgan. He was overjoyed when teld that he ing guns and carrying a crew sufficient to would be taken with the regular United make her ready for active service at short | States troops when they moved. The local

The French Embassy at Washington treated the capture as a very serious affair, and this, coupled with the ugly feeling against us in France, gave the event much importance. The President imme-diately ordered her release, and gave cut

the following statement: "The Lafayette was released in pursuance of orders which were issued by the Navy Department previous to her seizure, but which had not been received by the commanding officers of the vessels that awakened and a telegraph envelope handed made the capture. The Embassy made him. It was very brie, but highly importan informal inquiry as to whether the La- ant, as it read: fayette, which left St. Nazaire, France, for Vera Cruz, by way of Habana, before the war was declared, or information of the blockade received, would be allowed to land at Habana certain passengers, her formed Secretary Day that the revenue Consulate General of France, and to take with dispatches from Commodore Dewey. some French passengers on board. An The news spread rapidly, and the whole

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OUR NEW MAJOR-GENERALS.



Battle-Tried Leaders Will Command the Forces of the United States.

men who had to learn the very alphabet of war in the presence of the enemy.

of Inspector-General of the United States Army. MAJ.-GEN. ELWELL S. OTIS entered the service in 1862 as Captain in the 140th N. Y.; became Lieutenant-

and a Brigadier-General since 1893. MAJ.-GEN. JOHN J. COPPINGER entered the Regular Army in 1861 as a Captain in the 14th U. S.; became Col-

onel of the 15th N.Y. Cav.; returned to the Regulars at the close of the war, and became a Brigadier-General in 1895. MAJ.-GEN. WM. M. GRAHAM was appointed from civil life in 1855 Second Lieutenant in the 1st U. S. Art.;

was a Captain in 1861; became Colonel of the 2d D. C., and was breveted Major, Lieutenant-Colonel, and Colonel and Brigadier-General for gallant services on the Peninsula, at Antietam, Gettysburg and during the war. MAJ.-GEN, JAS. F. WADE is a son of the late Senator Ben Wade, of Ohio; was appointed from civil life in 1861 First Lieutenant in the 6th U. S. Cav.; became Lieutenant-Colonel, 6th U. S. Colored Cav., then Colonel and Brevet western Virginia, and for services during the war.

MAL-GEN. HENRY G. MERRIAM entered the service as Captain in the 20th Me., transferred to the coloredz Blakely in advance of orders.

In this war the United States troops will not suffer the disadvantages of the last in going into the field under,

MAJ-GEN. JAMES H. WILSON graduated from West Point in 1850 and was appointed in the Language of the enemy.

He was brevetted Major for his services in the capture of Fort Pulaski; then became Chief Engineer on the capture and at Chattanage MAJ. GEN. Jos. C. BRECKINRIDGE entered the army from Kentucky in 1861 as First Lieutenant and Aid-de- staff of Gen. Grant on the Vicksburg Campaign, and at Chattanooga, receiving a brevet of Lieutenant-Colonel Camp. He was subsequently appointed Second Lieutenant in the 2d U. S. Art., and received the brevets of | and a commission as Brigadier-General of Volunteers; was assigned to command the Third Cavalry Division, Army Captain for gallant and meritorious service before Atlanta and of Major for gallant and meritorious services during of the Potomac, on the Wilderness Campaign, was brevetted Colonel for gallantry; commanded his division under Sherithe war. He was a graduate of the Artillery School in 1871, and since 1889 has occupied the responsible position | don in the Shenandoah Valley, and in October, 1864, was assigned to the command of all the cavalry in the Military vision of the Mississippi He participated in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, and in the Spring of 1865 ade a swoop through Tennessee, northern Alabama and western Georgia, capturing in 28 days five fortified cities, 23 ers will be announced later. Colonel of the regiment and Brevet Brigadier-General of Volunteers. He has been in the Regular Army ever since, stands of colors, 288 guns, 6,280 prisoners, an immense quantity of supplies, and finally Jeff Davis himself. He

recurred to the Regular Army at the close of the war as a Lieutenant-Colonel, but resigned to go into business. MAJ.-GEN. WM. J. SEWELL was born in Ireland, but came to this country at the age of 11. He raised a company at the breaking out of the war, and entered the 5th N. J., in which regiment he rose to be Colonel. He MAJ.-GEN. WM. R. SHAFTER entered the army in 1861 as First Lieutenant in the 7th Mich.; became Lieuten- | subsequently raised the 38th N. J., and became its Colonel. He was brevetted Brigadier and Major-General for conant-Colonel of the 19th Mich., and Colonel of the 17th U. S. C. T., and Brevet Brigadier-General. He has been in spicuous gallantry at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He became a railroad man at the close of the war. d also entered politics. He was elected to the United States Senate from New Jersey in 1881, and again in 1895.

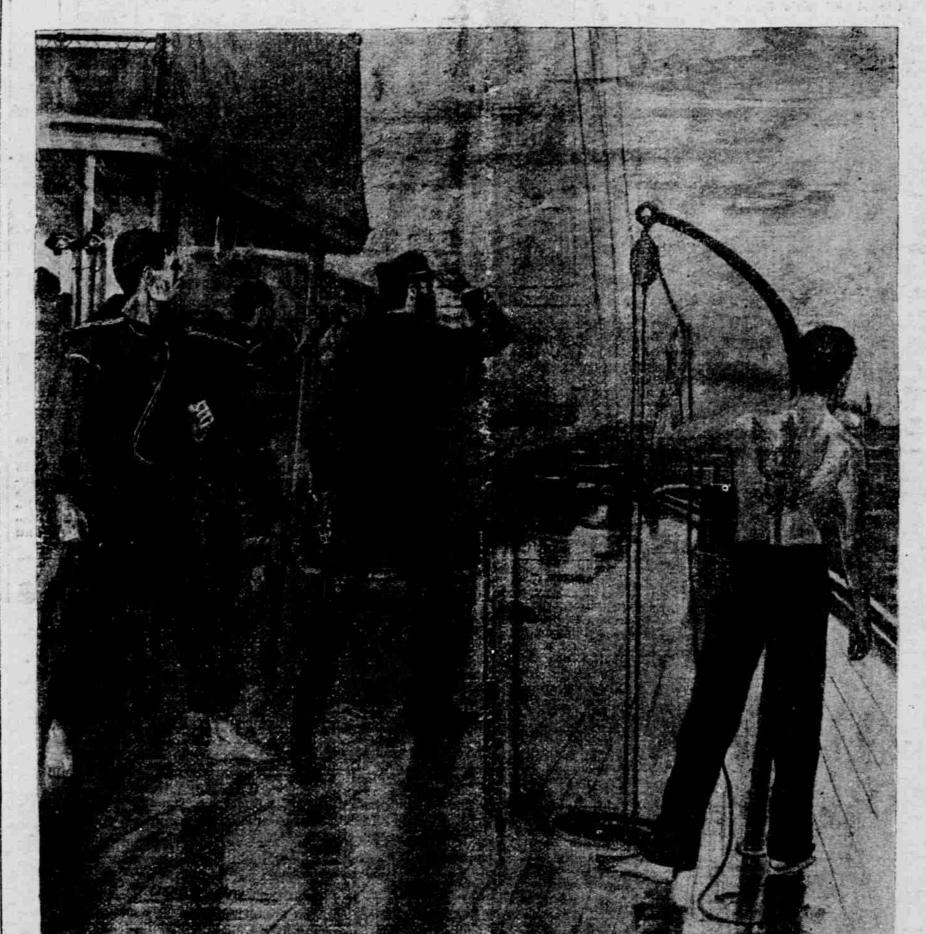
is holding his acceptance of his commission as Major-General under advisement, pending the rendering of the nion of the Attorney-General as to whether this will necessitate his giving up his seat in the Senate. If so, he will not accept the commission.

MAJ.-GEN. FITZHUGH LEE is a nephew of Gen. R. E. Lee and son of Admiral Lee, who left the United States Navy to join the rebels. Fitzhugh Lee graduated from West Point in 1856, and became Second Lieutenant in the Brigadier-General. He has been Colonel of the 5th U. S. Cav., since 1887. He received four brevets during the 2d U. S. Cav., in which he served with credit in Indian campaigns. He resigned in 1861, and became Lieutenantwar for gallant and meritorious services at Beverly Ford, at Marion, East Tennessee, for the campaign in south- Colonel of J. E. Stewart's regiment of Virginia cavalry. Toward the close of the war he was in command of all the cavalry of the Army of Northern Virginia.

MAJ.-GEN. JOSEPH WHEELER played a most active part during the whole war, in command of Confederate cavtroops, became a Lieutenant-Colonel, and has been Colonel of the 7th U.S. since 1835. He received brevets of alry operating in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. He graduated from West Point in 1859, and was Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel of Regulars, and Colonel of Volunteers for gallantry at Antietam, Fort Blakely | appointed to the Dragoons. He resigned in 1861, and was promoted successively to the command of a regiment. and Mobile. He received a medal of honor for leading his regiment—the 73d U. S. C. T .- over the works at Fort brigade, division, and corps in the Confederate Army of Tennessee, commanded by Bragg. He is serving his l eighth term in Congress as a Representative from Alabama.

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Shall they reload the great gun, or will the stranger heave to and



The long, anxious wait for direct news

SATURDAY, MAY 7.

junta took him in charge.

"The matter was duly considered, and it

strict law of blockade, and as an act of

courtesy, the request of the French Gov-

were accordingly sent on the 2d day of

"The Wilmington will escort the La-

The French Embassy thereupon said

THE QUEEN REGENT AGAIN SEEKS INTER-

VENTION.

appealed to Emperor Francis Joseph to

use his influence in favor of European in-

ject. It is understood that, but for Eng-

"The Spanish Queen Regent has again

fayette to Habana to-night.

that the incident was closed.

Spain before the war broke out,"

honorable sclution of the difficulty.

Of the 168 passengers on board the La-

suits. When surprise was displayed that

such was their mission at this time, they

One Cuban was aboard who was return-

ing to join the insurgent army. He was

banished from the island seven months

ago, but came within the terms of Gen,

from Commodore Dewey lasted until Saturday morning. At the State, War and Navy Departments high officials were constantly on duty, awaiting news. The Assistant Secretaries and Chief Clerks took turns, sleeping on cots in the office. At 4:40 Saturday morning, Assistant Secretary Cridler, of the State Department, was "Hongkong, May 7.

"Day, Washington. "McCulloch. "WILDMAN." This meant that Consul Wildman in-

R produced from "All Hands," THE CHASE.

Our illustration; ives a characteristic scene on the deck of a man- the glare of the water, and the gunners, stripped to the waist, join in mail bags, and the dispatch bag of the cutter McCulloch had arrived at Hongkong over the pitching sea to overhaul a prize making the run the maxious scrutiny of the scudding quarry. All is eager action. of her life to escape. The long gun has just roared outher command and lower his colors? Has the iron messenger found the target, or to heave to, and as the smoke rolls away all on board strain their fallen short of the mark? It is an instant when men think fast and of her life to escape. The long gun has just roared outher command assurance was given that, if this privilege city awaited further dispatches with in-bhould be granted, the steamer would be tense interest. The White House and the eyes to note the result. The commander is shading his eyes from the heart pounds like a flying hammer.

appeared at the Navy Department with the sheets covered with combinations of strange words, bearing the Hongkong date. Unable to read it, Secretary Long at once turned it over to the cipher experts of the Navigation Bureau, who withdrew into their office and wisely locked the door. The process of deciphering was a very slow one, and occasionally Secretary Long or Assistant Secretary Roosevelt would giv out fragments to appease the eagerness of the crowd. When finally deci-

Departments were thronged by Senators,

Representatives, Army and Navy officers,

newspapers, and friends and relatives of

men on Dewey's squadron. It was nearly

10 o'clock, however, when Manager Marean,

of the Western Union Telegraph Company,

phered the first dispatch read: " Manila, May 1. The squadron arrived at Manila at day-

break this morning. Immediately engaged the enemy and destroyed the following S anish vessels: Reina Christina, Castilla, Ulton, Isla de Cuba, Don Juan de Austria, Isla de Luzon, General Lezo, the Duero, Correo, Vela co, Mindanao, one dransport and the water-battery at Cavite. The squadron is uninjured, and only a few men were slightly wounded. The only means of telegraphing is to the American Consul at | board the Charleston for duty: Passed Ass't Hongkong. I shall communicate with him. The second read:

"Cavite, May 4. "I have taken possession of naval station at Cavite on Philippine Islands. Have destroyed the fortifications at bay entrance. paroling garrison. I control bay completely, and can take city at any time. The squadron in excellent health and spirits. Spanish loss not fully known, but very heavy. One hundred and fifty killed, including

Captain of Reina Christina. I am assisting in protecting Spanish sick and wounded. Two hundred and fifty sick and wounded in hospital within our lines. Much excitement at Manila. Will protect foreign resi-Admiral Montejo, the Spanish Admiral. was compelled to escape in a small boat

to the Isla de Cuba, another of the Span-

ish vessels, and as soon as his flag was

hoisted the guns of the American fleet were turned on it, and in a few minutes it was destroyed. The Admiral was again forced to es-

ground by the rain of shot and shell. SPANISH GUNNERS EXCITED.

The marksmanship of the Spanish gunand meanwhile the main ships of the American squadron were pouring a deadly Spanish fleet and in the Cavite fortifica- in all about 200. tions on land.

The American cruiser Baltimore, at one period of the engagement, received the brunt of the enemy's fire, and suffered the most of any vessel in the American squadron. From five to 10 of the enemy's shots took effect on the Baltimore, but none of no discrimination. These cavalrymen will her officers or crew were seriously hurt. As soon as the Spanish Admiral left the

(Continued on second page.)

Doings by the Regulars, the Volunteers and the Navy.

Appointments of Major-Generals and Other Officers-Seven Army Corps Decided Upon-First Militia Organization to be Mustered-Charleston in Commission, and Will go to Dewey's Assistance.

The Army.

The President, on Wednesday, May 4, sent in the following nominations, which were immediately confirmed by the Senate: To be Major-Generals—Brig. Gen. Joseph C. Breckinridge, Inspector-General United States Army; Brig. Gen. Elwell S. Otis, United States Army; Brig.-Gen. John J. Coppinger; Brig.-Gen. William R. Shafter; Brig.-Gen. William M. Graham; Brig.-Gen. James F. Wade; Brig.-Gen. Henry C. Merriam; James H. Wilson, of Delaware; Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia; William J. Sewell, of New . rsey; Joseph Wheeler, of Ala-

Colonels to be Brigadier-Generals-Thomas M. Anderson, 14th Inf.; Charles E. Compton, 4th Cav.; Abraham K. Arnold, 1st Cav.; John S. Poland, 17th Inf.; John C. Bates, 2d Inf.; Andrew S. Burt, 25th Inf.; Simon Snyder, 19th Inf.; Hamilton S. Hawkins, 20th Inf.; Royal T. Frank, 1st Art.; Jacob F. Kent, 24th Inf.; Samuel S. Sumner, 6th Cav.; Francis L. Guenther, 4th Art.; Guy V. Henry, 10th Cav.; John I. Rodgers, 5th Art.; Louis H. Carpenter, 5th Cav.; Samuel B. M. Young, 3d Cav.; John M. Bacon, 8th Cav.; Edward B. Williston,

Licutenant-Colonels to be Brigadier-Generals-Henry W. Lawton, Inspector-Genfal; George M. Kandall, 8th Int.; Theod Schwan, Assistant Adjutant-General: William Ludlow, Corps of Engineers; Adna R. Chaffee, 3d Cav.; George W. Davis, 14th Inf.; Alfred E. Bates, Deputy Paymaster-General.

Subsistence Department-Col. Charles Patrick Eagan, to be Commissary General of Subsistence, with rank of Brigadier-General.

Gen. Jos. Wheeler was the first of the new Generals to report for duty, and he mustered in. He was also the first ex-Confederate officer to receive a commission in the United States Army. Later Gens. Fitzhugh Lee and J. C. Breckinridge and Lieut.-Col. Roosevelt reported, and were sworn in. Lieut.-Col. Roosevelt was subjected to a searching physical examination before being accepted.

Gen. Lee said that the staff officers of his command have not been determined upon finally. The chances of Mr. Algernon. Sartoris, a grandson of Gen. U. S. Grant, for one of the staff appointments are said

to be very good. On Friday, May 6, the President iss an order, dividing the Regulars and vol teers into seven corps, to be numbered a secutively from one to seven. The coposition of the corps and their comma It is generally understood that 1

Myer, Va., Atlanta, Ga., Chickamau Tenn., Richmond, Va., and Long Islan. N. Y., have been selected as places for the mobilization of the volunteer army.

The Navy.

The cruiser Charleston has been formally placed in commission, at Vellejo, Cal., and her crew of 200 men with 30 marines are now on board. Immediately upon the arrival of the City of Pekin at San Francisco she will be brought to Mare Island Navyyard and docked. It is stated that she is to take 4,000 tons of ceal, besides large quantities of ammunition and provisions, to Manila. When the Pekin reaches the Philippines she may be transformed into a

An order was issued to the Navy-yard foreman calling for vofunteer machinists. shipfitters, coppersmiths, and blacksmiths to go to the Philippines on the Pekin to repair our damaged warships. Assistant Naval Constructor Capps, has been detached from the Union Iron Works and ordered to go in charge of the men. Machinery, tools, and appliances for the repair of vessels will be taken on the Pekin. The cruiser Minneapolis has returned to Commodore Schley's squadron, and the

New Orleans has joined it. These additions make a squadron of exceptional fighting ability. The New Orleans as a fighting ship is superior to the Columbia, which was detached, and the Scorpion, with her splendid armament, helps fill out a squadron that will give a good account of itself. Commodore Watson has taken com-

mand of the Key West division of Admiral Sampson's fleet. He arrived on the Olivet to-day and immediately went on board the cruiser Cincinnati, where he hoisted his flag. The release of the French steamer Lafayette, in compliance with orders received from Washington, was his first official act. Capt. H. Glass has been detached from

the Navy-yard, Mare Island, where he was in command of the Pensacola, and assigned to command the Charleston. This cruiser will convoy the supply expedition to Commodore Dewey at Manila. The following Surg. A. Farenholt, from Naval Hospital at Mare Island; Paymaster's Clerk F. M. Phillips, Surg. F. Rogers, Lieut. Com-mander Blocklinger, from Mare Island; Lieut. W. S. Brannereuther and Lieut. P. M. Bostwick, from the Mare Island Yard; Naval Cadet C. L. Leiper, from the Franklin; Acting Carpenter J. H. Gill, from Mare Island Yard: Naval Cadet H. O. Bisset, from the Vermont; Lieut. C. R. Slocum, from the Patterson; Chief Engineer R. W. Galt, from the Mare Island Yard; Lieut. R. E. Coontz, from the Patterson: Passed Ass't Eng. J. S. McKenn, from the Albatross, and Naval Cadet A. W. Marshall, from the Vermont.

The cruiser Newark will soon sail from Newport News, Va., to join the blockading The auxiliary cruiser St. Paul, under

command of Capt. Sigsbee, is nov at sea. It is believed she is to do scout and cruise

The Volunteers.

Provision is made in the Volunteer army act for the appointment of the officers who cape in a small boat. The defenses of Ma- are to compose the staffs of corps, division, nila and its batteries, as well as those of and brigade commanders. The President Cavite, were silenced and beaten to the has the option of appointing these officers from civil life, or he may assign to such places officers from the Regular Army, or from the militia in the service of the United States. Naturally, it is expected that the ners seemed to be wild from the outset. President will consult with the commanders in many instances as to the members composing their staffs. The appointments to fire, doing great execution both in the be made under the Volunteer act number College men and cow boys, Eastern ath-

> side by side in Roosevelt's regiment of Rough Riders. It is to be a regiment in which the best men will get to the top by fighting. There will be no favoritism, and carry a rifle, a revolver and probably a machete instead of a saber. The uniform will be of brown canvas, with canvas leg-gings and shoes, and the Regular Army slouched hat. Thus equipped, it hopes to go forth to battle in Cuba very soon. It is

letes, and Western veterans are all to serve